

## XTMAS SERVICES AT CONGRESS HEIGHTS

General Celebration in Anacostia Churches Being Arranged for Next Sunday—The Rev. G. LeRoy White Will Preach Special Yuletide Sermon at Methodist Church.

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ANACOSTIA, D. C., DEC. 21. The Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church had its Christmas service today. Congregation and choir sang the familiar Christmas anthems. The Rev. Merritt Earl delivered a Christmas sermon on "There Was No Room at the Inn." The service tonight will be a choral one.

General celebration of Christmas in the Anacostia district is being arranged for later in the week.

In St. Teresa's Church and in the Emmanuel P. E. Church the observance will be on Christmas day itself with elaborate ceremonies. The Congress Heights Methodist will have a short prayer service on the same morning. The Easter Memorial P. E. Church will assemble its patients and employees for religious worship next Sunday afternoon.

Although the Rev. G. LeRoy White, Methodist pastor in Anacostia, will deliver a sermon tonight on Christmas, the principal observance in the Anacostia M. E. Church will be held next Sunday. The choir will sing a sacred cantata next Sunday evening. The Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church will observe Christmas next Sunday. The Government Hospital for the Insane will assemble its patients and employees for religious worship next Sunday afternoon.

The Men's Club of the Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church entertained Friday night with a debate on "Whether city life or suburban life is more advantageous from the standpoint of finances, health, and convenience." City life was championed by John Oney and Thaddeus Duvall, and suburban life by Haskell Magruder and Ernest Miltstead. Judges Weaver, Par-

sons, and Kinney gave the decision to the champions of the suburbs.

Mrs. Mary Belle Diggs, who died Saturday morning at the family home, in V street, near Nichols avenue, will be buried Monday morning in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, after services at St. Teresa's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Roberts and children of 233 Mt. View place, have gone to Dorchester, Mass., for the holidays.

Miss Annie Hingley, of 1240 Maple View place, is in Taunton, Mass., for the holidays.

### Treasury Clerk Quits Militia Against Will

Thomas R. Clark, employee of the Treasury Department and captain in the pay department of the District National Guard, has resigned the latter position, giving as his reason the written statement of John S. Williams, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who announced that time taken from Treasury Department work for national guard service, in addition to the regular thirty-day leave, might be held against a clerk's record.

The District National Guard, it is understood, may carry the case to the President for a definite statement of administrative policy toward the National Guard. Militia officers resent the attitude of Mr. Williams on this question. They say his views are at variance with the efforts of the War Department, various Congresses, and former Presidents to build up an efficient citizen soldiery.

### Municipal Dance Hall Is Being Advocated

A municipal dance hall is advocated by Miss Florence M. Brown, general secretary of the Washington Y. W. C. A., as a solution of the public dance hall problem.

The Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., pastor of the Universalist Church, and Mrs. Carrie Kent, chairman of the Federation of Women's Clubs, also advocate a municipal dance hall.